

Once upon a time, there was a brave young soldier. When the war ended, he had no home and his brothers wouldn't help him. So, with only his gun, he left to find his way. He met a strange man in a green coat with a cloven foot - a magical, but scary figure. This man promised the soldier riches if he could prove his bravery and follow some strange rules for seven years, like not washing or cutting his hair.

The soldier agreed and was given a magical coat that always had money in its pocket and a bear's skin to wear. He became known as "Bearskin." Over time, he looked more like a wild creature than a man, but he was kind and helped many people.

One day, Bearskin helped a poor old man and in return, the man offered one of his daughters to marry Bearskin. The youngest daughter agreed to marry him, seeing his kind heart. Bearskin left, saying he would return in three years. The girl waited faithfully for him.

Finally, the seven years ended, and the magical man cleaned Bearskin up, making him handsome again. Bearskin went back to the girl in a grand carriage, looking like a nobleman. At first, she didn't recognize him, but then he showed her a ring that matched the one she had, proving he was her Bearskin. They were happily married.

But the girl's two sisters, who were mean and jealous, had sad fates because of their bad choices. And the magical man, who was actually quite tricky, ended up getting two other souls instead of Bearskin's.